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Applicant : Jose Calatayud et al.
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Title : NEW PREGNA-1, 4-DIENE-3, 20-DIONE-16-17-ACETAL-21 ESTERS, PROCESS FOR THEIR PREPARATION, COMPOSITION, AND METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS
Group Art Unit : 122
Examiner : M. Grumbling
Attorney Docket : RCS 2 001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the follow comments with respect to the Office Action of April 2, 1991, received in connection with the continuing prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution claims 1-3 and 13-16, drawn to steroid compounds, pharmaceutical compositions thereof, and therapeutic methods of use employing the same, classified in Classes 540, sub-classes 70 and 63; and, Class 514, sub-class 174.

The foregoing provisional election of Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-3 and 13-16, for further prosecution of the subject application is made without traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently presented for consideration are allowable and early notification to that effect is hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

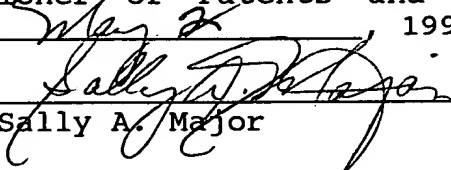


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